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Dear Tom,

USA.

New European Divisional Application Serial No. 10158813.5
Based on EP 02789769.3 (and PCT/US02/37211)
"Coated Fullerenes"

<u>Wm. Marsh Rice University</u>

Further to my letter of 12 April 2010, I have received from the EPO a request for a certified copy of the original PCT application (PCT/US02/37211) to support the divisional application. The deadline for filing a certified copy is 21st July 2010.

Please order the certified copy from the USPTO, and forward it to me as soon as possible.

I would be grateful if you would acknowledge safe receipt of this letter.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

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12th April 2010

Dear Tom,

New European Divisional Application Serial No. 10158813.5 Based on EP 02789769.3 (and PCT/US02/37211) Wm. Marsh Rice University "Coated Fullerenes"

I am writing to report to you formally the filing of the new divisional application based on EP 02789769.3.

I am pleased to confirm that the new European application was duly lodged at the European Patent Office on 31st March 2010 and allocated the Serial No. 10158813.5. I have pleasure of enclosing a copy of the application papers as filed.

The specification and drawings for the divisional application correspond exactly with those of the parent case. The drawings however were as agreed with you before the divisional application was filed. I have pleasure in enclosing copies of the application papers as filed.

As I think you know, excess claims fees are payable on European applications for any claims in excess of fifteen. Since there were only fifteen claims filed, no excess claims fees are payable on this case.

I have attended to payment of the basic fee, excess page fee (€12 for each page in excess of 35) and search fee, as well as the annuities for the third to eighth years. The next renewal fee payable is therefore the one that is due in November 2010. I understand from our correspondence that you will be handling annuity payments through an outside agency, and I have therefore not entered this case in our renewal payment records.

At this stage of proceedings, I have not paid the designation fees or the examination fee. These do not fall payable until six months from the date of publication of the European search report.

The next stage in prosecution is that a separate search report will be produced on the divisional application, and the divisional application will then be published. Even though we have not paid the examination fee, the current practice is for the European Patent Office to issue an informal "examination report" setting out the objections likely to be raised, along with the search report. I will report the later stages of prosecution to you at the appropriate time.

Thank you for entrusting this matter to our care. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to let me know.

I look forward to working with you on this case in the future.

Our debit note for our services to date is enclosed herewith.

Yours sineerely,

John/Raynor

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